

ELIZABETH P. WETHERS.

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JANUARY 30, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CROWTHER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7894.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7894) granting a pension to Elizabeth P. Wethers, having considered the same, respectfully report:

The claimant is the widow of John W. Wethers, who served as a private in Company C, Thirteenth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry (Van Horn's battalion) during the late war of the rebellion. He contracted disabilities during his service, for which he claimed pension and which claimant alleges caused his death February 14, 1886; but the Pension Bureau rejected her claim on the ground that the death cause was not of service origin, after special examination.

Claimant alleges that the rejection was brought about through the enmity of Dr. Joshua Thorn, who was surgeon of the regiment and who was on bad terms with her late husband.

From the testimony in the case your committee is satisfied that her husband's death was due to his military service, and recommend the passage of the bill after being amended as follows:

Insert the words "late a" immediately before the word "private," in line 5.

Strike out the word "such," in line 8, and insert "the usual" instead thereof.

Strike out all after the word "child," in line 9.

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Elizabeth P. Wethers."